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Public-service law is law still in the making, as the quotations in this book show. We need to have all the material of every sort brought together for study as is here done. Then we should be brought face to face with the policies involved and their respective consequences. We need to have such workmanlike summaries of all the material, and we should be made aware of all its possibilities by such enlightening presentation. One must be as well aware of the trend of economic thought as the author, in order to be a wise counsellor these days in matters of legal policy.

B. W.

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**HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF BANKS AND BANKING.** By Francis B. Tiffany. St. Paul: West Publishing Company. 1912. pp. xi, 669.

The first half of this book is devoted to the usual dealings between bank and customer. The chapters here correspond very closely in legend with the windows used for such dealings,—"deposits," "loans and discounts," etc. The rest of the book treats of "clearing houses"; "the bank as a corporation with corporate powers and corporate officers"; "insolvency"; "national banks"; "savings banks." The acts of Congress relating to national banks are printed in an appendix.

So the author covers, in expert "hornbook" fashion, the points at which the business of banking comes most conspicuously into contact with the law; that is, with the general rules of law,—as to negotiable instruments, trusts, corporations, even crime. This is not really stating a law of banks and banking, but it serves to show the proper windows.

The proportions of the work are good and the collection of material appears to have been thorough. Perhaps a little more time might have been spent over the material after it was collected. What amounts to notice that a check has been drawn to misappropriate fiduciary funds? One who has puzzled over the conflicting decisions of the courts will find little help in the book at hand. The text rarely ventures beyond the limits of decided cases, except to quote some other writer; frequently, as it happens, in this magazine.

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**ROMAN LAWS AND CHARTERS. THREE SPANISH CHARTERS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.** Translated with Introduction and Notes by E. G. Hardy. Oxford: The Clarendon Press. London: Henry Frowde. 1912. pp. v, 176; iv, 158.

**LETTERS TO A YOUNG LAWYER.** By Arthur M. Harris. St. Paul: West Publishing Company. 1912. pp. 193.

**LEADING CONVEYANCING AND EQUITY CASES.** By John Indermaur. Tenth Edition by Charles Thwaites. London: Stevens and Haynes. 1913. pp. xvi, 190.

**STATUTE LAW MAKING IN THE UNITED STATES.** By Chester Lloyd Jones. Boston: Boston Book Company. 1912. pp. xii, 327.

**TAXATION IN MASSACHUSETTS.** By Philip Nichols. Boston: Financial Publishing Company. 1913.

**INTERNATIONAL LAW SITUATIONS.** With Solutions and Notes. Naval War College. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1912. pp. 206.

**INDUSTRIAL COMBINATIONS AND TRUSTS.** By William S. Stevens. New York: The MacMillan Company. 1913. pp. xiv, 593.

**THE LAW OF QUASI CONTRACTS.** By Frederick Campbell Woodward. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1913. pp. lxi, 498.

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- ADVERSE POSSESSION — Equitable Servitudes — Notice thereof to Disseisor.
- CARRIERS — Liability of Railroads for Delay — Non-negligent Failure to have Servants.
- CONTRACTS — Contracts for Benefit of Third Party — Release by Beneficiary — Action by Promisee.
- CONVERSION — Railroad carrying and delivering Stolen Goods.
- EQUITY — Latent Equities — Equitable Claims on Equity of Redemption.
- EQUITABLE CONVERSION — Option exercised after Death of Optioner — Rights of Heir and Next of Kin.
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- PRESCRIPTION — Against whom Right acquired — Public Service Company — Railroad.
- PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES — Rights and Duties — Duty to give Equal Service involving Breach of Existing Contract.
- QUASI-CONTRACTS — Rights under Contract — Breach by Plaintiff — Right to recover on *Quantum Meruit*.
- RESTRICTIONS AND RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENTS AS TO USE OF PROPERTY — Restrictions in Favor of a Business.
- SALES — Fraud on Seller — Misrepresentation of Buyer as to Identity.
- SALES — Warranties — Nature of Action for Breach — Tort or Contract — Infant's Warranty.
- TELEGRAPHS — Liability for Failure to deliver Message — Liability to Addressee for Mental Anguish.
- TORTS — What constitutes Cause of Action — Act or Damage — One Act injuring Person and Property.
- TORTS — Legal Cause — Negligent Delay by Carrier — Goods destroyed by Act of God.
- TRADE SECRETS — Protection in Equity — Rights in Design — *Bonâ fide* Purchaser.

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<sup>1</sup> See p. 437, *supra*.